

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT POLICY #6-9**

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TO: All Inspection Staff  
FROM: Steve Zaccard, Fire Marshal  
SUBJECT: SMOKE DETECTOR TESTING

CODE REFERENCE: MN Statute 299F.362

"THIS POLICY IS TO SERVE AS A GUIDE FOR YOUR ENFORCEMENT. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL THROUGH YOUR SUPERVISOR."

Ideally every residential smoke detector should be tested during your inspection of the building. However, in large complexes, it is not always possible to gain access to each unit. A minimum of 20 percent of the detectors in each building must be tested.

If you have reason to believe that management has not maintained the detectors in the building, more detectors should be tested. Use test button to check for power.

**Reinspections should be made in 24 hours of all non-functional or missing detectors.**

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